

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1138–1158; 1 private bill, H.R. 1159; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 73, and H. Res. 96–97, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rabbi Hillel Cohn, Congregation Emanu El of San Bernardino, California.

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United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Gilman, LaTourette, and Cannon to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

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John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Speaker Hastert and Representatives Kolbe and Gephardt to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 92, the rule that provided for consideration of motions to suspend the rules on March 21.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Revised Edition of "Black Americans in Congress": H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989" (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 53);

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Exceptions to Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995: H.R. 1042, amended, to prevent the elimination of certain reports (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 54);

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Maritime Policy Improvement Act: H.R. 1098, to improve the recording and discharging of maritime liens and expand the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 55); and

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Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement: H.R. 496, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers.

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Suspension—Coast Guard Personnel and Management Safety: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1099, to make changes in laws governing Coast Guard personnel, increase marine safety, renew certain groups that advise the Coast Guard on safety issues, make miscellaneous improvements to Coast Guard operations and policies. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, March 22.

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Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1061.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1035, H1035–36, and H1036. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the rice industry. Testimony was heard from Nolen Canon, Jr., Chairman, U.S. Rice Producers Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission: James E. Newsome, Acting Chairman; and Emory Beville, Acting Director, Office of Financial Management.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on

Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and Judicial Offices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Judicial Conference: Judge John G. Heyburn, II, U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Chairman, and Judge Lawrence L. Piersol, U.S. District Court, District of South Dakota, member, both with the Committee on the Budget; and Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, member, Executive Committee; and Judge Fern M. Smith, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Military Readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; Adm. William Fallon, USN, Vice Chief, Naval Operations; Gen. Mike Williams, USMC, Assistant Commandant; and Gen. John Handy, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: The Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on implementation of the Hurricane Mitch Supplemental. Testimony was heard from Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and Everett L. Mosley, Inspector General, AID, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Special Trustee (Trust Reform). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior, Thomas Slonaker, Special Trustee for American Indians; and M. Sharon Blackwell, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Family Housing Privatization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Randall A. Yim, Deputy Secretary, Installations; Paul

W. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Housing; Duncan Holaday, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Facilities; and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on AMTRAK. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and George D. Warrington, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

The Subcommittee continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Inspector General, and Inspector General for Tax Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Jeffrey Rush, Inspector General; and David Williams, Inspector General, Tax Administration.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. National Security Strategy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century: Gary Hart, Co-Chairman; and Newt Gingrich, member; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002.

OVERSIGHT PLAN; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Approved Committee Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

The Committee also approved other pending business.

AIRLINE MERGERS—CONSUMER EFFECT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a

hearing on Airline Mergers and Their Effect on American Consumers. Testimony was heard from Representatives Myrick, Clyburn, Slaughter and DeFazio; and public witnesses.

UNSOLICITED COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC MAIL ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 718, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001.

CAPITAL MARKETS FEE RELIEF ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1088, Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act.

SMALL BUSINESS INTEREST CHECKING ACT; BUSINESS CHECKING FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 974, Small Business Interest Checking Act of 2001; and H.R. 1009, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2001.

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE'S FUTURE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on America's Main Street: The Future of Pennsylvania Avenue. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; and Linda W. Cropp, Chair, Council; John Parsons, Associate Regional Director, Lands Resources and Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Brian Stafford, U.S. Secret Service; and James Sloan, Acting Under Secretary, Enforcement; Emily Malino, member, Commission of Fine Arts; Richard L. Friedman, Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission; Robert J. Dole, President, Federal City Council; and public witnesses.

DRAFT REPORT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations approved for full Committee action a draft report entitled: "A Citizens Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records."

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 503, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001.

CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 863, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001.

REDUCE EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on Life in the Subduction Zone: The Recent Nisqually Quake and the Federal Efforts to Reduce Earthquake Hazards. Testimony was heard from John Filson, Coordinator, Earthquake Programs, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Priscilla Nelson, Director, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, NSF; and public witnesses.

NATION'S HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT SYSTEMS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on the Outlook for the Nation's Highway and Transit Systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 801, Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001; and H.R. 811, Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair Act.

ADMINISTRATION'S TAX RELIEF PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on the Administration's proposed tax relief proposals. Testimony was heard from Senator Hutchison; Representatives Weller and Barcia; and public witnesses.

WORLDWIDE TERRORIST THREAT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Terrorism Working Group met in executive session to receive a briefing on Worldwide Terrorist Threat Posed by the Usama Bin Laden (UBL) Organization and U.S. Countermeasures. The Group was briefed by departmental witnesses.